



# Regional Overview

**South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control**

*Promoting and Protecting the Health of the Public and the Environment*



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# **Our Mission**

**We promote and protect the health of the  
public and the environment.**



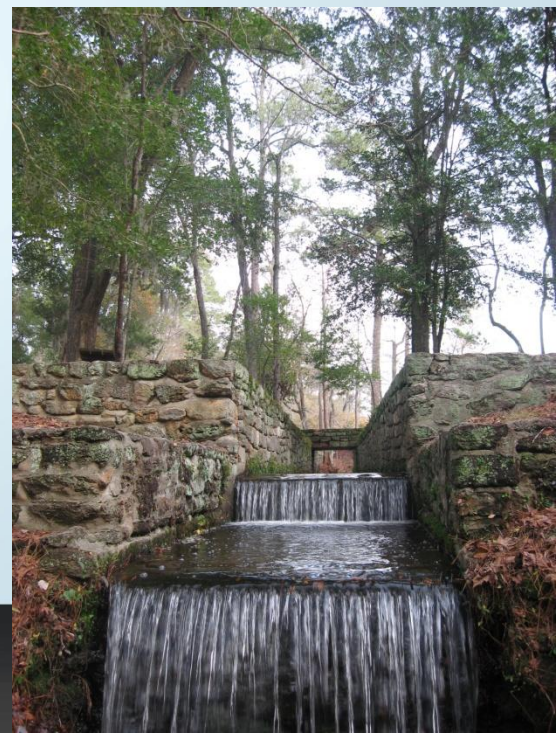




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# Vision

**Healthy people living in healthy communities.**





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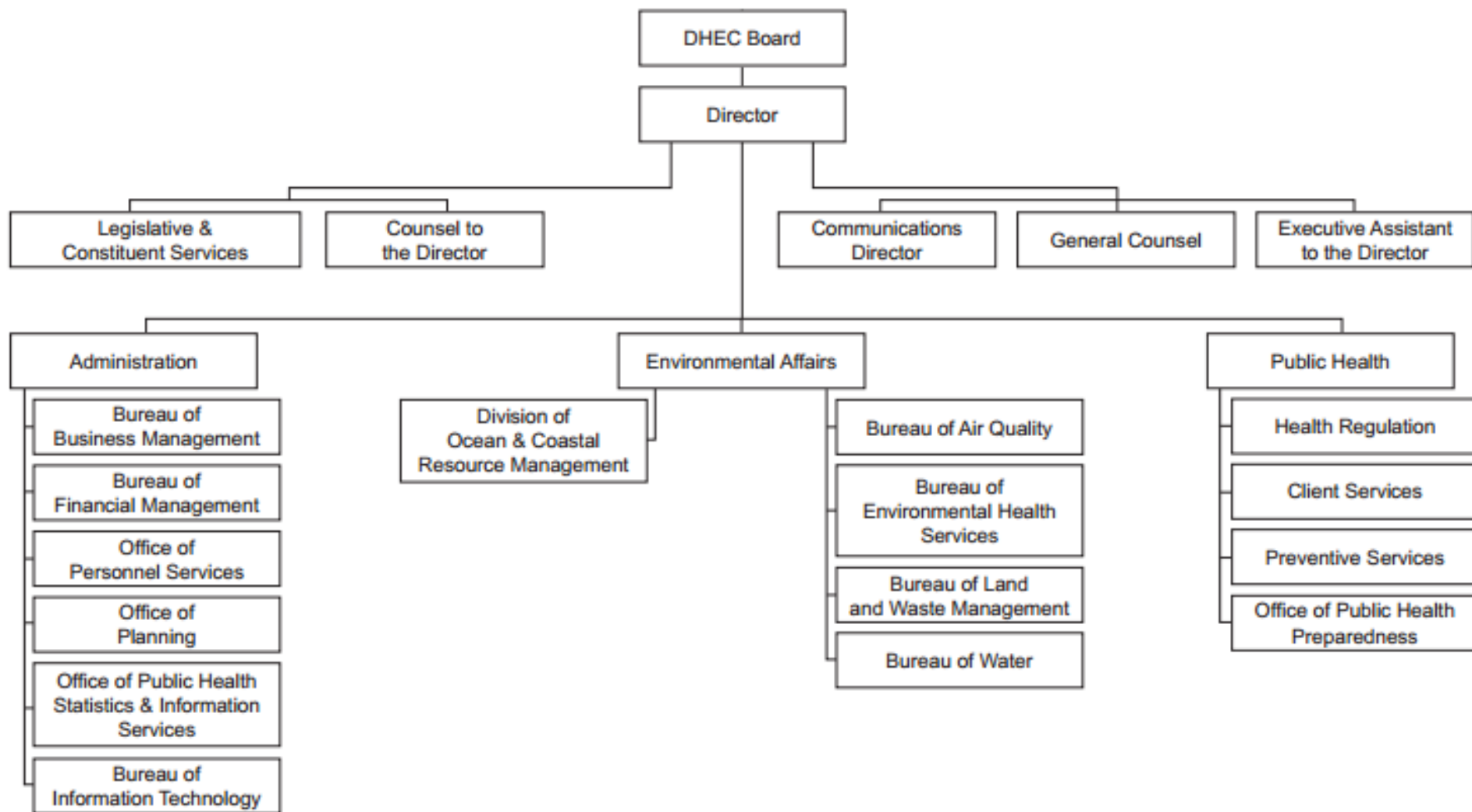
# MANAGEMENT

**The Department of Health and Environmental Control is a non-Cabinet agency whose operations are overseen by the Board. The agency's Director is the executive head of the agency and manages the day to day operations. The Board of Health and Environmental Control is responsible for overseeing DHEC's operations. Each of the board's seven members is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.**



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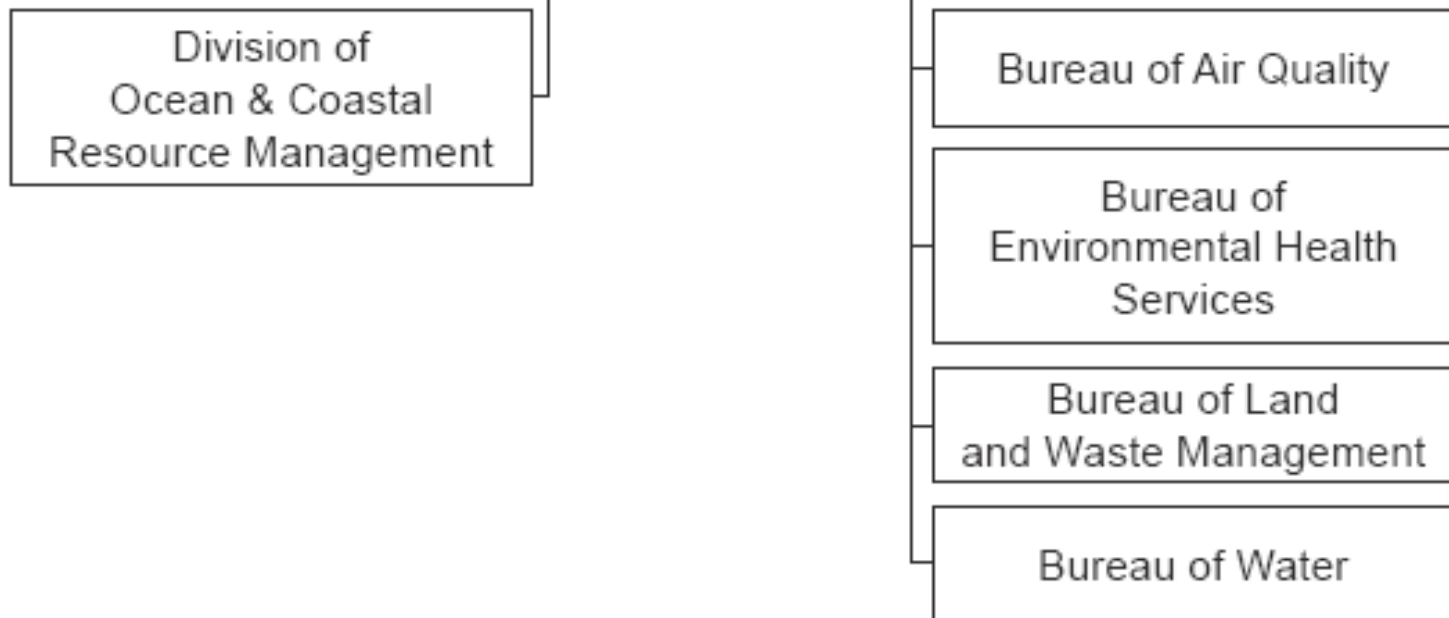
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# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

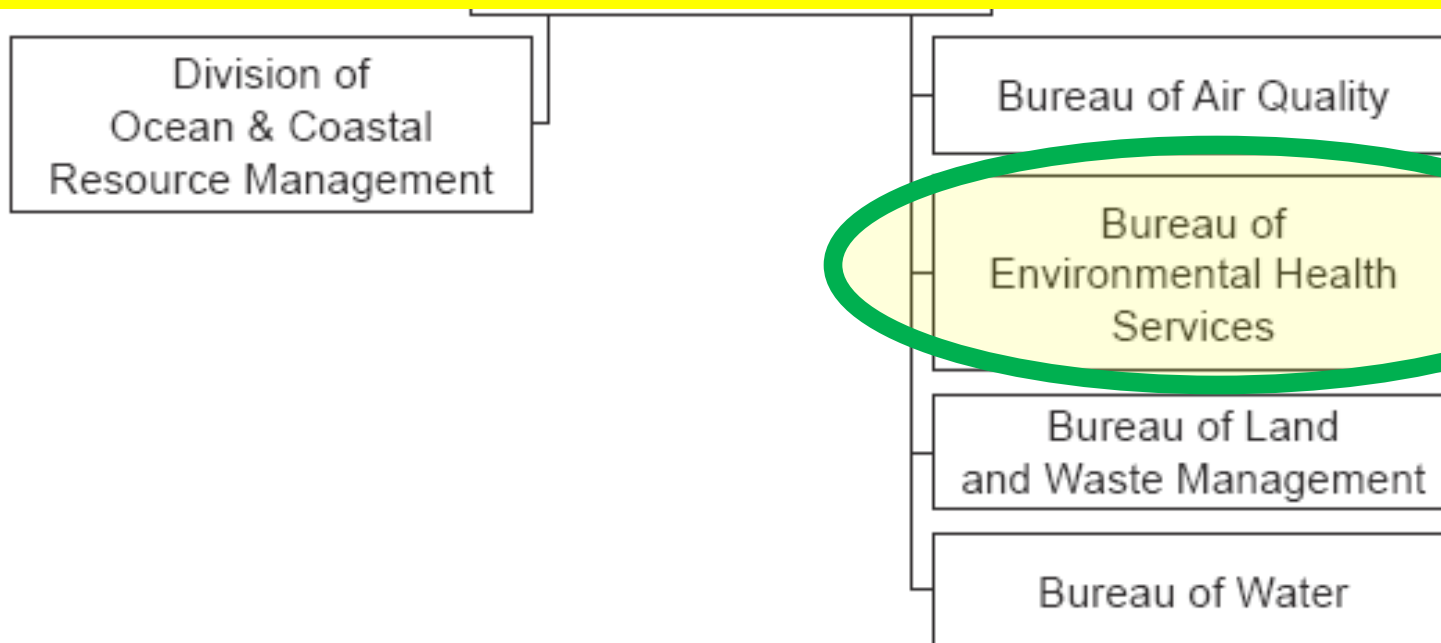






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# **Bureau of Environmental Health Services**

**EQC Laboratories**

**EQC Lab Certification**

**Quality Assurance**

**Regional Offices**





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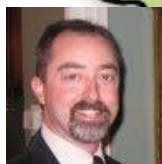
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## **“What We Do”**

The Regional Offices support DHEC's Air, Land, and Water programs by:

Monitoring

Collecting and analyzing samples

Inspecting facilities





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# **WATER**

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
FACILITIES**

**RECREATIONAL WATERS**

**STORM WATER/ SEDIMENT &  
EROSION CONTROL**

**DRINKING WATER**

**BEACH MONITORING**

**STREAM MONITORING**

**ON SITE WASTEWATER**





# Land

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**SOLID WASTE**

**COMMERCIAL  
FACILITIES**

**UNDERGROUND  
STORAGE TANKS**

**MINING**

**EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE**

**COMPLAINTS**





# AIR

**AIR QUALITY**  
(Facility Inspections)

**AIR  
MONITORING  
COMPLAINTS**



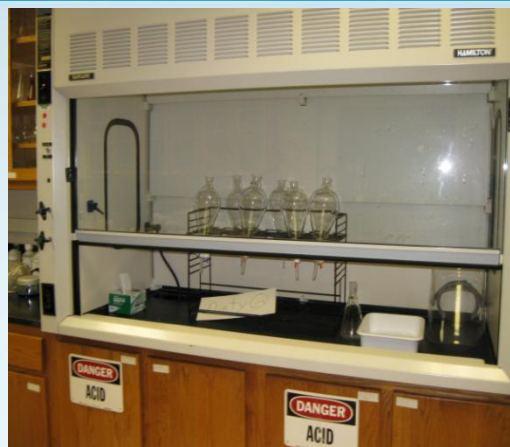


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# LABORATORY

**MICRO LAB  
CHEMISTRY  
LAB**

**(drinking  
water,  
shellfish,  
wastewater,  
beaches)**





# FOOD PROTECTION

**RETAIL FOOD  
PERMITTING**

**ROUTINE  
COMPLIANCE  
INSPECTIONS**

**FOODBORNE  
ILLNESS  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**COMPLAINTS**



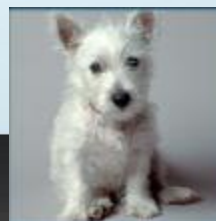
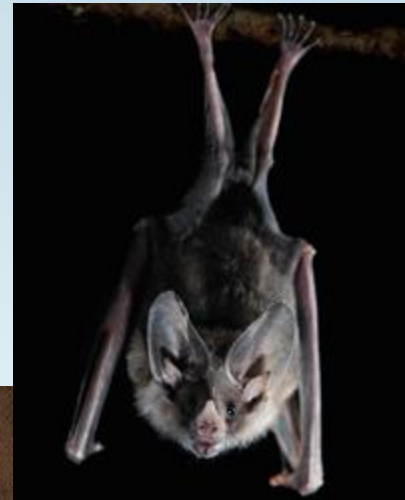


# RABIES PROTECTION

**ANIMAL BITE  
INVESTIGATION**

**ANIMAL QUARANTINE  
AND RELEASE**

**ANIMAL SHIPPING  
FOR RABIES TESTING**





# Complaints







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**Questions  
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- Make about 70,000 visits to restaurants across the state to review and rate food safety practices and counsel managers on making
- Perform around 250,000 lab tests to identify microbiological, radiological and chemical contaminants;
- Respond to hazardous chemical releases, oil spills, hurricanes and other environmental emergencies whenever they occur, **around the clock**;
- Issue more than 24,000 environmental permits;
- Investigate approximately 7,000 pollution allegations/complaints
- Manage 578,000 acres of shellfish harvesting waters, inspect 250 shellfish handling facilities, and analyze around 5,500 water samples to assess shellfish harvesting waters;
- Evaluate sites for septic tank suitability, inspect septic tank installations for new homes, and issue about 25,000 permits to operate septic tanks;
- License 1,200 septic tank installers, pumpers and haulers, and inspect vehicles used to pump or transport sewage;
- Inspect 12,000 underground storage tanks
- Conduct nearly 30,000 sanitation inspections on more than 6,500 public pools and recreational water facilities (such as water parks);

## Additional Statistics